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Level 5

More hospital staff being attacked in UK

2nd December, 2013

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131202-hospital-staff-5.html>

Physical attacks against hospital staff are rising in the U.K. Britain's National Health Service (NHS) says violent assaults have increased by six per cent in the past year. There were 63,199 in 2012-13, up from 59,744 from the previous year. That's more than 173 assaults every day. Unions say these figures do not tell the whole story. A union spokeswoman said: "Sadly, this is only the tip of the iceberg as violence...remains an under-reported problem. The [government] cuts and...pressure on services are causing growing patient frustration."

Britain's Health Minister condemned the attacks. He said: "Any physical or verbal abuse against NHS staff is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated." He added: "It is outrageous that there have been so many physical assaults." He said there were ways to keep undesirable people out of hospitals. Hospitals can remove people not requiring treatment and prosecute them if they refuse to leave. Richard Hampton of the support group NHS Protect said NHS staff should expect to work in a safe environment, "free from violence and physical assault".

Sources: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/nhs-staff-assault-figures-show-rise-29795066.html>
<http://www.thisisguernsey.com/news/uk-news/2013/11/29/nhs-staff-assault-figures-show-rise/>
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/nhs-violence-number-violent-attacks-2866223>

MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131202-hospital-staff-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. attacks against hospital staff | a. the whole story |
| 2. violent | b. frustration |
| 3. in the | c. the iceberg |
| 4. these figures do not tell | d. past year |
| 5. the tip of | e. on services |
| 6. government | f. are rising |
| 7. pressure | g. cuts |
| 8. growing patient | h. assaults |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. physical or verbal | a. they refuse to leave |
| 2. totally | b. a safe environment |
| 3. It is outrageous that there | c. group |
| 4. keep undesirable | d. abuse |
| 5. prosecute them if | e. violence and physical assault |
| 6. support | f. unacceptable |
| 7. expect to work in | g. have been so many |
| 8. free from | h. people out of hospitals |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Physical attacks against hospital staff (1) _____ U.K. Britain's National Health Service (NHS) (2) _____ have increased by six per cent in the past year. There were 63,199 in 2012-13, up from 59,744 from (3) _____. That's more than 173 assaults every day. Unions (4) _____ do not tell the whole story. A union spokeswoman said: "Sadly, this is only the (5) _____ as violence...remains an under-reported problem. The [government] cuts and... (6) _____ are causing growing patient frustration."

Britain's Health Minister (7) _____. He said: "Any physical or verbal abuse against NHS staff is (8) _____ and will not be tolerated." He added: "It is outrageous that there have been so many physical assaults." He said there (9) _____ undesirable people out of hospitals. Hospitals can remove people not requiring treatment and prosecute them if they (10) _____. Richard Hampton of (11) _____ NHS Protect said NHS staff should expect to work in a safe environment, " (12) _____ and physical assault".

HOSPITAL STAFF SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hospital staff in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

FREE WRITING

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Write about **hospital staff** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
